Compensation to those killed by terrorists in J and K

2787. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in J and K by terrorists, community-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure the security of people of J and K especially for those who are in Ministry; and

(c) what is the details of Government's assistance and compensation being provided to the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As informed by the State Government, the community-wise break up of civilians killed in J and K is as follows:

	1988 to Feb. 2001
Muslims	8802
Hindus	1156
Sikhs	95
Others	270

(b) Measures being taken to curb terrorism *inter alia* include strengthening the border management, appropriate security actions in the hinter land, gearing up the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weapons, equipments for security forces, greater functional integration through a framework of Ops Groups and Intelligence Groups at the UHQ and lower levels, special measures for protection of remote and scattered population and minorities etc.

(c) *Ex-gratia* payments in case of deaths, specified types of injuries and specified damage to property, caused in terrorist incidents are made by the State Government as per norms prescribed by them. These amounts are reimbursed by Central Government as per norms fixed for admissibility of reimbursement claims.

In addition next of kins of Army/CPMF personnel also receive *ex-gratia* relief from their respective organisations.